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Alessandra BOE et al	)	Art Unit: 1646
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Appln. No.: 09/687,122	)	Examiner: Joseph F. Murphy
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Filed: October 13, 2000	)	Washington, D.C.
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For: TNF RECEPTOR AND STEROID	)	November 9, 2004
HORMONE IN A COMBINED ...	)	

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the official action of August 9, 2004. Claims 21-32 presently appear in this case. Claims 22-24 and 32 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30 and 31 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 21 and 25-29 have been rejected. The official action of August 9, 2004, has now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to a method for treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases